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REMARKS

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for thoroughly reviewing and considering the pending application. The Office Action dated December 28, 2004 has been received and carefully reviewed. Claims 6-8 have been canceled. Claims 1-5 are currently pending.

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-5. As noted above, the Applicant has cancelled claims 6-8 such that only claims 1-5 are pending.

The Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance and such favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner has questions regarding this application, the Examiner may call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500.

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